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| For: DATA COMMUNICATION |) | |
| APPARATUS, IMAGE SERVER | : | |
| CONTROL METHOD, STORAGE |) | |
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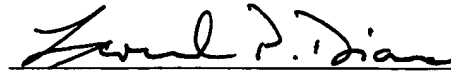
Sir:

Applicants respectfully request to be advised as to the status of the above-identified application. The application was filed on July 14, 2003, and claims benefit of the filing date of a parent application filed on November 1, 1999. To date, no Office Action has been received for this application.

Accordingly, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is requested promptly to indicate to the undersigned when it is expected to issue an Office Action.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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